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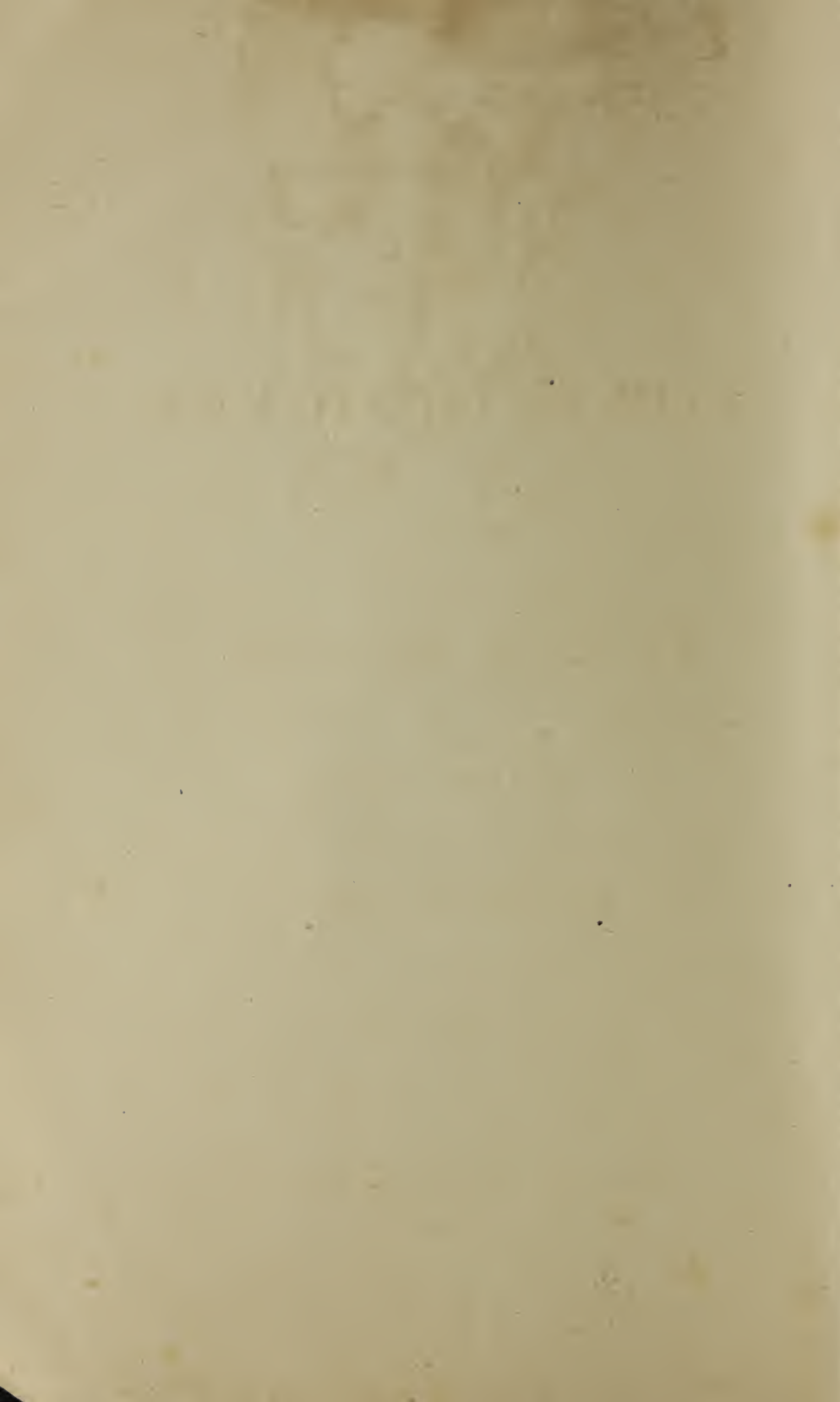
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## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town, for 13 months ending March 1, 1880.

### PAID TOWN OFFICERS AS FOLLOWS :

#### TOWN CLERK.

|  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| T. H. Meek, collecting and recording and<br>indexing births, deaths and marriages, | - | \$56 25 |
| Stationery and expenses, -   | - | 8 62    |
|  |   | <hr/>   |
|  |   | \$64 87 |

#### TREASURER.

|                         |   |   |          |
|-------------------------|---|---|----------|
| William Abbott, 1878,   | - | - | \$70 00  |
| William Abbott, 1879, - | - | - | 60 00    |
|                         |   |   | <hr/>    |
|                         |   |   | \$130 00 |

#### SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

|                      |   |   |          |
|----------------------|---|---|----------|
| M. M. Luther, 1878,  | - | - | \$56 00  |
| Brigham Morse, 1878. | - | - | 35 00    |
| N. H. Jones, 1878,   | - | - | 68 30    |
| Jesse Chase, 1878, - | - | - | 11 00    |
| Wm. L. Church, 1878, | - | - | 15 00    |
|                      |   |   | <hr/>    |
|                      |   |   | \$185 30 |
|                      |   |   |          |
| Albert Butler, 1879, | - | - | \$33 00  |
| Jesse Chase, 1879, - | - | - | 15 50    |
| A. F. Jones, 1879,   | - | - | 88 05    |
|                      |   |   | <hr/>    |
|                      |   |   | \$136 55 |

## ASSESSORS.

|                   |   |   |   |          |
|-------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| William D. Jones, | } |   |   |          |
| J. H. Dudley,     |   | - | - | \$175 00 |
| B. W. Aldrich,    |   |   |   |          |

## BRIDGE VIEWERS.

|                      |   |   |        |
|----------------------|---|---|--------|
| Brigham Morse, 1878, | - | - | \$5 00 |
| Suel Logee, 1878,    | - | - | 2 00   |
|                      |   |   | <hr/>  |
|                      |   |   | \$7 00 |

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

|                    |   |   |          |
|--------------------|---|---|----------|
| W. D. Jones, 1878, | - | - | \$20 00  |
| A. F. Brown, 1878, | - | - | 75 00    |
| A. F. Brown, 1879, | - | - | 75 00    |
|                    |   |   | <hr/>    |
|                    |   |   | \$170 00 |

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

|                     |   |   |        |
|---------------------|---|---|--------|
| M. M. Luther, 1878, | - | - | \$7 00 |
|---------------------|---|---|--------|

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

|              |   |   |          |
|--------------|---|---|----------|
| A. F. Jones, | - | - | \$197 00 |
|--------------|---|---|----------|

## SEXTON.

|                   |   |   |         |
|-------------------|---|---|---------|
| David Richardson, | - | - | \$27 00 |
|-------------------|---|---|---------|

## CONSTABLES.

|                      |   |   |         |
|----------------------|---|---|---------|
| N. H. Jones, 1878,   | - | - | \$ 4 50 |
| E. H. Leaver, 1879,  | - | - | 12 20   |
| L. C. Belding, 1879, | - | - | 2 00    |
|                      |   |   | <hr/>   |
|                      |   |   | \$18 70 |

## KEEPER OF LOCK-UP.

|                                |   |         |
|--------------------------------|---|---------|
| John Drapo, care of 74 tramps, | - | \$ 9 25 |
| William Reid, " 285 " -        | - | 34 20   |

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| M. M. Luther, issuing tickets to tramps, 1878, | \$2 00  |
|  | <hr/>   |
|  | \$45 45 |

## SUPPLIES FOR LOCK-UP.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| A. F. Jones, for wood, - - -       | \$4 75  |
| George Abbott, for crackers, - - - | 6 23    |
|                                    | <hr/>   |
|                                    | \$10 98 |

## STATE AID.

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Arena E. Chapman, 15 months, - - - | \$60 00  |
| Elizabeth Hudson, 15 " - - -       | 60 00    |
| Hiram Ward, 11 " - - -             | 66 00    |
| Geo. A. Gleason, 15 " - - -        | 45 00    |
| Lucina P. Sibley, 15 " - - -       | 60 00    |
| Geo. F. Marcy, 7 " - - -           | 42 00    |
| John H. Stearns, 13 " - - -        | 39 00    |
| George Snow, 9 " - - -             | 27 00    |
| L. C. Belding, 5 " - - -           | 20 00    |
|                                    | <hr/>    |
|                                    | \$419 00 |

## MILITARY AID.

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Lemuel C. Belding, 9 months, - - - | \$36 00 |
| Theron H. Barton, 4 " - - -        | 16 00   |
|                                    | <hr/>   |
|                                    | \$52 00 |

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

|           |     |                                      |         |
|-----------|-----|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Dis't No. | 1.  | George Fairfield, - - -              | \$52 95 |
| "         | 2.  | Orrin Chase, - - -                   | 81 30   |
| "         | 3.  | Retus Walling, - - -                 | 35 31   |
| "         | 4.  | William B. Amidon, (not sworn) - - - | 167 20  |
| "         | 5.  | Charles W. Potter, - - -             | 51 45   |
| "         | 6.  | George D. Adams, - - -               | 168 10  |
| "         | 7.  | Elijah Bigelow, - - -                | 35 46   |
| "         | 8.  | William Church, - - -                | 58 95   |
| "         | 9.  | John Robbins, - - -                  | 40 11   |
| "         | 10. | Amos A. Humes, - - -                 | 52 30   |
| "         | 11. | J. O. Simpson, - - -                 | 156 97  |
| "         | 12. | Robert Hannant, - - -                | 134 01  |

|           |     |                      |   |   |            |
|-----------|-----|----------------------|---|---|------------|
| Dis't No. | 13. | Syra Esten,          | - | - | \$47 79    |
| "         | 14. | Hosea Jillson,       | - | - | 59 75      |
| "         | 15. | A. J. Dudley,        | - | - | 59 77      |
| "         | 16. | G. B. Yates,         | - | - | 48 15      |
| "         | 16. | Daniel Esten, 1878,  | - | - | 58 42      |
| "         | 17. | O. C. Emerson,       | - | - | 129 55     |
| "         | 18. | Suel Logee,          | - | - | 113 80     |
| "         | 19. | Pliny Richardson,    | - | - | 34 76      |
| "         | 20. | Benjamin Whiting,    | - | - | 56 82      |
| "         | 21. | Munroe Wallis,       | - | - | 55 19      |
| "         | 22. | Wellington Young,    | - | - | 38 70      |
| "         | 23. | Henry Walker,        | - | - | 65 05      |
| "         | 24. | Thomas Buxton,       | - | - | 41 90      |
| "         | 25. | Walter E. Carpenter, | - | - | 41 10      |
| "         | 26. | Harvey Wakefield,    | - | - | 42 62      |
| "         | 27. | George M. Wallis,    | - | - | 42 45      |
| "         | 28. | J. O. Simpson,       | - | - | 121 30     |
| "         | 29. | Jesse Chase,         | - | - | 83 25      |
|           |     |                      |   |   | <hr/>      |
|           |     |                      |   |   | \$2,174 48 |

## REMOVING SNOW FROM HIGHWAYS.

|           |     |   |   |   |         |
|-----------|-----|---|---|---|---------|
| Dis't No. | 1.  | - | - | - | \$12 75 |
| "         | 2.  | - | - | - | 4 65    |
| "         | 5.  | - | - | - | 3 74    |
| "         | 6.  | - | - | - | 5 42    |
| "         | 7.  | - | - | - | 2 65    |
| "         | 8.  | - | - | - | 5 40    |
| "         | 9.  | - | - | - | 8 22    |
| "         | 10. | - | - | - | 4 55    |
| "         | 11. | - | - | - | 3 20    |
| "         | 12. | - | - | - | 7 59    |
| "         | 15. | - | - | - | 1 34    |
| "         | 16. | - | - | - | 10 20   |
| "         | 17. | - | - | - | 90      |
| "         | 18. | - | - | - | 4 20    |
| "         | 19. | - | - | - | 2 22    |
| "         | 20. | - | - | - | 1 95    |
| "         | 21. | - | - | - | 4 79    |
| "         | 23. | - | - | - | 13 92   |
| "         | 24. | - | - | - | 4 73    |
| "         | 25. | - | - | - | 6 83    |
| "         | 26. | - | - | - | 2 67    |
| "         | 27. | - | - | - | 1 20    |



|               |   |   |   |          |
|---------------|---|---|---|----------|
| Dis't No. 29. | - | - | - | \$15 49  |
|               |   |   |   | <hr/>    |
|               |   |   |   | \$128 61 |

## COST OF RAILROAD STREET.

|                                       |   |          |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| Horace Batcheller, building road,     | - | \$359 17 |
| J. C. Morrill, land damage,           | - | 90 00    |
| D. B. Young, " " -                    | - | 80 67    |
| Brigham Morse, cap stone for culvert, | - | 10 00    |
| A. F. Brown, selling at auction, -    | - | 2 00     |
|                                       |   | <hr/>    |
|                                       |   | \$541 84 |

## ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

|   |   |          |
|---|---|----------|
| Levi White, medical attendance, 1878,   | - | \$11 00  |
| “ “ “ “ 1879,                           | - | 10 75    |
| C. W. Brown, for blacksmithing,         | - | 10 07    |
| S. N. Jones, meat bill,                 | - | 6 90     |
| Peter Roberts, store bill,              | - | 5 90     |
| Suel Logee, blacksmithing, etc., 1878,  | - | 14 53    |
| V. M. Aldrich, bill 1878,               | - | 25 00    |
| George Abbott, store bill,              | - | 23 78    |
| A. J. Thayer, meal bill,                | - | 74 86    |
| E. P. Heath, meat bill,                 | - | 6 63     |
| Estate of John Wallis, for hay,         | - | 13 50    |
| V. M. Aldrich,                          | - | 29 58    |
| Geo. D. Adams, superintendent's salary, | - | 300 00   |
|   |   | <hr/>    |
|   |   | \$532 50 |

## STATE PAUPERS.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Patrick Costello, removing to state almshouse, 1878, | \$26 90  |
| Levi Pratt, coffin, 1878, -                          | 10 00    |
| Charles Gravlin, -                                   | 52 76    |
| Lewis Lapard, coffin for child, -                    | 5 00     |
| Alfred Bruno, aid, -                                 | 7 50     |
| Lewis Shelbut, " 1878, -                             | 5 00     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$107 16 |

## PAUPERS AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

|                   |   |          |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| Austin Packard,   | - | \$118 00 |
| Herbert Broulett, | - | 59 00    |

|                          |   |   |   |          |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| William Reed,*           | - | - | - | \$218 10 |
| Oliver Allen,            | - | - | - | 24 08    |
| Judson Gould, 1878,      | - | - | - | 45 00    |
| John Latown,             | - | - | - | 43 99    |
| Austin Jarvis,           | - | - | - | 5 28     |
| Eugene Gould, 15 months, | - | - | - | 260 00   |
| C. H. Balcome, Hospital, | - | - | - | 224 35   |
| Mary B. Steere,† “       | - | - | - | 197 88   |
| Eveline Sprague,         | - | - | - | 78 00    |
| Hiram Johnson,           | - | - | - | 18 00    |
| Morris O’Brine,          | - | - | - | 130 80   |
| Polly Wadkins, 1878-9,   | - | - | - | 185 81   |
| Miletus Luther, 1877-8,  | - | - | - | 116 94   |
| Clemence Balcome,        | - | - | - | 140 25   |
| Peter Gilbert, 1877-8-9, | - | - | - | 161 92   |
| Peter A. Hughes,         | - | - | - | 5 00     |
| Prudence Balcome,        | - | - | - | 11 00    |
| Clarendon Yates, 1878.   | - | - | - | 31 00    |
| Hugh Greene,‡            | - | - | - | 46 92    |
| Morris Duprey,           | - | - | - | 6 00     |
| Willard Taft, 2d,        | - | - | - | 51 56    |

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\$2,178 88

#### SCHOOL PURPOSES.

|              |   |   |   |          |
|--------------|---|---|---|----------|
| Dist. No. 1. | - | - | - | \$437 90 |
| “ 2.         | - | - | - | 324 00   |
| “ 3.         | - | - | - | 759 56   |
| “ 4.         | - | - | - | 367 17   |
| “ 5.         | - | - | - | 271 00   |
| “ 7.         | - | - | - | 381 16   |
| “ 8.         | - | - | - | 268 52   |
| “ 9.         | - | - | - | 757 68   |
| “ 10.        | - | - | - | 765 80   |

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\$4,332 79

|              |   |   |   |            |
|--------------|---|---|---|------------|
| High School, | - | - | - | \$1,267 20 |
|--------------|---|---|---|------------|

#### SCHOOL FUND.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| A. F. Brown, diplomas for High School, | \$35 00 |
| “ “ liquid slate,                      | 5 00    |

\*Received of William Reed, services as keeper of Lock-up, \$34.20.

† Received of Amos Steere, \$29.20.

‡ Received for goods belonging to estate of Hugh Greene, \$37.50.

|  |   |          |
|--|---|----------|
| C. J. Batcheller, printing school reports, | - | \$35 25  |
| A. F. Brown, charts for schools,           | - | 22 75    |
| “ “ books for teacher's desks,             | - | 8 42     |
| Stillman Russell, books for poor children, |   | 9 07     |
| Joseph Bowen, for erasers,                 | - | 5 00     |
|  |   | <hr/>    |
|  |   | \$120 49 |

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Levi Stoddard, labor on hearse and hearse house,                      | \$ 3 00 |
| Asa Thayer, room rent for Town Officers, 1878,                        | 40 00   |
| “ “ “ “ “ to Sept. '79,   | 20 00   |
| John M. Putnam, teams for transporting paupers,<br>1878,              | 4 00    |
| Charles J. Batcheller, printing 400 town reports,<br>1878,            | 42 00   |
| Walter Hilton, for public watering trough, 1878,                      | 66 25   |
| Chas. Fairfield, use of watering tub,                                 | 2 50    |
| Jas. Wixtead vs Town of Douglas, witness fees, &c,                    | 44 65   |
| A. F. Brown, council fees in case of Jas. Wixtead,                    | 31 00   |
| V. M. Aldrich, stove and pipe for Town Officers<br>room,              | 16 75   |
| A. J. Thayer, wood for Town Officers' room,                           | 2 50    |
| A. F. Jones, “ “ “ “  | 1 00    |
| C. J. Batcheller, printing letter heads for Overseers<br>of the Poor, | 6 00    |
| Martha P. Earle, reimbursement of tax,                                | 39 32   |
| Sylvester Chase, for laying wall on Town farm,                        | 11 25   |
| Chas. J. Batcheller, posters, stationery, &c.,                        | 2 75    |
| J. T. & I. Wallis, shingles for Almshouse,                            | 30 20   |
| C. P. Bushnell, 2 screen doors for Almshouse,                         | 2 50    |
| David Richardson, mowing cemetery                                     | 5 00    |
| V. M. Aldrich, Assessors' books,                                      | 2 75    |
| J. E. Cummings, wood and care of Town hall,                           | 4 50    |
| Stillman Russell, record book for Town Clerk,                         | 5 50    |
| C. J. Batcheller, posters &c.,  | 2 75    |
| Joseph Bowen, desk for Town office,                                   | 5 00    |
| Brigham Morse, 36 bars for Town farm,                                 | 6 00    |
| A. F. Brown, surveying Cummings' Road,                                | 4 00    |
| “ “ drafting truant by-laws, &c.,                                     | 10 00   |
| Stillman Russell, stamps and stationery for Town<br>Officers,         | 14 47   |
| Douglas Free Public Library, Charles W. Potter,<br>treasurer,         | 100 00  |

|  |   |          |
|--|---|----------|
| Albert Butler, use of team as town officer,  | - | \$5 78   |
| " " railroad fare to Taunton and Boston,   | - | 4 25     |
| A. F. Brown, obtaining the number and ages of school children in Dis'ts Nos. 3, 7, 9 and 10, | - | 5 00     |
| William Abbott, recording poll tax abatements,   | - | 5 00     |
| " " state aid to John H. Stearnes, in April, 1878,   | - | 3 00     |
| A. F. Jones, cash paid for car fare and teams, locating paupers,                             | - | 34 83    |
| A. A. Putnam, counsel,   | - | 1 00     |
|  |   | <hr/>    |
|  |   | \$584 50 |

## PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

|                         |   |   |         |
|-------------------------|---|---|---------|
| Albert Allen, Charlton, | - | - | \$3 94  |
| Keziah Wilcox, Milford, | - | - | 23 00   |
| J. W. C. Pike,          | - | - | 63 85   |
|                         |   |   | <hr/>   |
|                         |   |   | \$90 79 |

## RECAPITULATION.

|                                      | 1878.   | 1879.     | TOTAL.   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Town Clerk,                          | -       | \$64 87   | \$64 87  |
| Treasurer,                           | \$70 00 | 60 00—    | 130 00   |
| Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, | 185 30  | 136 55—   | 321 85   |
| Assessors,                           | -       | 175 00—   | 175 00   |
| Bridge Viewers,                      | 7 00    | —         | 7 00     |
| School Committee,                    | 95 00   | 75 00—    | 170 00   |
| Sealer of Weights and Measures,      | 7 00    | —         | 7 00     |
| Collector of Taxes,                  | -       | 197 00—   | 197 00   |
| Sexton,                              | -       | 27 00—    | 27 00    |
| Constables,                          | 4 50    | 14 20—    | 18 70    |
| Lock-up Keeper,                      | 2 00    | 43 45—    | 45 45    |
| Supplies for Lock-up,                | -       | 10 98—    | 10 98    |
| State Aid,                           | 58 00   | 361 00—   | 419 00   |
| Military Aid,                        | -       | 52 00—    | 52 00    |
| Highways and Bridges,                | 58 42   | 2,116 06— | 2,174 48 |
| Removing Snow from Highways,         | -       | 128 61—   | 128 61   |
| Cost of Railroad Street,             | -       | 541 84—   | 541 84   |
| Almshouse Expenses,                  | 90 00   | 442 50—   | 532 50   |
| State Paupers,                       | 41 00   | 66 16—    | 107 16   |

|                                     | 1878.      | 1879.       | TOTAL.      |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paupers away from Alms-house, -     | \$540 00   | \$1,638 88— | \$2,178 88  |
| District Schools. about, -          | 700 00     | 3,632 79—   | 4,332 79    |
| High School, -                      |            | 1,267 20—   | 1,267 20    |
| General School Fund, -              |            | 120 49—     | 120 49      |
| Miscellaneous, -                    | 87 00      | 497 50—     | 584 50      |
| Paupers belonging to other towns, - |            | 90 79—      | 90 79       |
|                                     | <hr/>      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|                                     | \$1,945 22 | \$11,759 87 | \$13,705 09 |

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

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The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer, and that his account stands as follows :—

### TOWN OF DOUGLAS, IN ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM ABBOTT, TREASURER.

| 1879. |   | CR.        |
|-------|---|------------|
| Jan.  | 31. By cash in Treasury, subject to order,                | \$2,820 91 |
| Feb'y | 6. Received of W. H. Ward,                                | 16 66      |
| "     | 8. " E. Babson, Jr., for tax on F. G. William's land,     | 27 31      |
| "     | 8. Received of George D. Adams, for butter sold,          | 5 00       |
| "     | 29. Received of George D. Adams, for labor for W. Hilton, | 3 75       |
| March | 1. Received of A. F. Brown, auctioneer's license,         | 2 00       |
| Apr.  | 3. Received of W. B. Brown, auctioneer's license,         | 2 00       |
| "     | 15. Received of State Treasurer, bal. of Corporation tax, | 14 66      |
| "     | 26. Received of A. F. Brown, auctioneer's license,        | 2 00       |
| "     | 28. Borrowed of M. E. Morse,                              | 630 00     |
| "     | 30. Received of S. Russell, for druggist liquor license,  | 1 00       |
| May   | 15. Received of Amos Steere, for support of his wife,     | 10 00      |
| "     | 26. Borrowed of Ellen P. Heath,                           | 650 00     |
| June  | 11. " H. D. Wallis,                                       | 340 00     |
| "     | 16. Received of Amos Steere, for support of his wife,     | 8 00       |
| "     | 16. Borrowed of H. D. Wallis,                             | 465 00     |

|       |     |  |                   |
|-------|-----|--|-------------------|
| June  | 30. | Borrowed of J. T. Wallis, Guardian,  | \$400 00          |
| July  | 1.  | “ Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,   | 1,000 00          |
| “     | 16. | Received of Amos Steere, for support of<br>his wife, - -                       | 8 00              |
| “     | 29. | Borrowed of Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,   | 3,000 00          |
| Aug.  | 15. | Received of Amos Steere for support of<br>his wife, - -                        | 3 38              |
| Oct.  | 4.  | Received of E. H. Morse, auctioneer's<br>license, - -                          | 2 00              |
| Sept. | 17. | Borrowed of Royal Keith, -   | 1,235 00          |
| Oct.  | 9.  | “ Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,   | 1,000 00          |
| Dec.  | 3.  | Received of town of Charlton for aid<br>rendered Albert Allen, -               | 3 94              |
| “     | 9.  | Received of State Treasurer, for Cor-<br>poration tax, - -                     | 111 93            |
| “     | 9.  | Received of State Treasurer, for Nat'l<br>Bank tax, - -                        | 163 52            |
| “     | 9.  | Received of State Treasurer, for State<br>aid, for 1878, - -                   | 360 00            |
| “     | 9.  | Received of State Treasurer, for sup-<br>port of State paupers, -              | 22 04             |
| “     | 9.  | Received of State Treasurer, for burial<br>of State paupers, - -               | 10 00             |
| 1880. |     |  |                   |
| Jan'y | 2.  | Received of County Treasurer, dog fund,  | 201 48            |
| “     | 16. | “ town of Milford for support<br>of Keziah Wilcox, -                           | 18 15             |
| “     | 24. | Received of State Treasurer, for school<br>fund, - -                           | 242 49            |
| “     | 24. | Received of State Treasurer, for pau-<br>per transportation, -                 | 1 20              |
| Feb.  | 27. | Received of State Treasurer, for State<br>aid, for the years 1871,'72-'73-'74, | 177 00            |
| “     | 28. | Received of C. Emmons, for use of Lock-<br>up, - -                             | 50                |
| “     | 28. | Received of E. H. Leaver, for use of<br>Lock-up, - -                           | 50                |
| Feb.  | 28. | Received of John Hilton, for use of<br>ledge, - -                              | 12 00             |
| “     | 28. | Wm. H. Reed, town order, -   | 34 20             |
| “     | 28. | Received of A. F. Jones, tax collector,<br>in full to date, -                  | 15,183 41         |
| March | 1.  | Cash for goods sold belonging to the<br>estate of Hugh Greene, -               | 37 50             |
|       |     |  | <hr/> \$28,226 53 |



## TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

| 1879. |     | DR.   |           |
|-------|-----|---|-----------|
| Apr.  | 30. | Paid Phebe M. Humes, interest on town note, - -       | \$ 18 00  |
| May   | 16. | " Phebe M. Humes, town note and interest, -           | 101 75    |
| June  | 16. | " H. D. Wallis, interest on town note,                | 22 50     |
| July  | 1.  | " Whitinsville Nat'l Bank, interest on town note, - - | 17 33     |
| "     | 29. | " Whitinsville Nat'l Bank, interest on town note, -   | 42 00     |
| "     | 29. | " Salem Savings Bank, interest on town note, - -      | 420 00    |
| "     | 29. | " Salem Savings Bank, on town note,                   | 2,000 00  |
| Aug.  | 11. | " Phebe M. Humes, on town note,                       | 100 00    |
| Sept. | 11. | " Clarissa Batcheller, interest on town note, -       | 5 62      |
| Oct.  | 6.  | " Phebe M. Humes, on town note,                       | 50 00     |
| "     | 9.  | " Whitinsville Nat'l Bank, interest on town note, -   | 6 67      |
| "     | 22. | " Ellen P. Heath, on town note,                       | 200 00    |
| "     | 27. | " A. F. Jones, for paying County tax,                 | 864 37    |
| Nov.  | 15. | " L. S. Jones, interest on town note,                 | 180 00    |
| "     | 25. | " Phebe M. Humes, on town note,                       | 50 00     |
| Dec.  | 1.  | " Ellen P. Heath, on town note,                       | 35 00     |
| "     | 2.  | " Whitinsville Nat'l Bank, 3 town notes, -            | 5,000 00  |
| "     | 4.  | " Retus Walling, interest on town note, - -           | 65 70     |
| "     | 4.  | " Royal Keith, town note and interest, -              | 1,245 90  |
| "     | 9.  | " State tax, - -                                      | 265 00    |
| "     | 19. | " Phebe M. Humes, town note and interest, -           | 108 45    |
| 1880. |     |   |           |
| Jan'y | 5.  | " Ellen P. Heath, on town note,                       | 200 00    |
| "     | 31. | " M. E. Morse, town note and interest, - -            | 649 11    |
| "     | 31. | " Salem Savings Bank, interest on town note, -        | 360 00    |
| Feb.  | 14. | " Inhabitants of Douglas tax,                         | 5 72      |
| "     | 14. | " Assessors' orders of abatement to date, - -         | 222 78    |
| "     | 23. | " Ellen P. Heath, town note and interest, -           | 230 00    |
| "     | 28. | " 370 Selectmens' orders to date,                     | 13,705 09 |



|          |  |   |   |             |
|----------|--|---|---|-------------|
| March 1. | Cash in hands of Treasurer subject to order, | - | - | \$2,055 54  |
|          |  |   |   | <hr/>       |
|          |  |   |   | \$28,226 53 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ABBOTT, Treasurer of Douglas.

CASH IN TREASURY FOR REPAIRS IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

|              |   |   |   |   |         |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---------|
| Dis't No. 2. | - | - | - | - | \$6 07  |
| " 5.         | - | - | - | - | 1 29    |
| " 7.         | - | - | - | - | 60      |
| " 8.         | - | - | - | - | 8 84    |
|              |   |   |   |   | <hr/>   |
|              |   |   |   |   | \$16 80 |

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NOTE : Rate of interest paid on borrowed money in 1878,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent.  
 " " " " " " 1879, 4 " "

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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### ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

|  |   |   |            |
|--|---|---|------------|
| Due from Tax collectors:—                              |   |   |            |
| F. W. Hunt 1858,                                       | - | - | \$ 33 18   |
| Parley Gould, 1868,                                    | - | - | 23 30      |
| “ “ 1870,  | - | - | 7 78       |
| Town of Natick, for coffin for Hannah Hayes.           |   |   | 10 00      |
| John Hilton. 1877,                                     | - | - | 36 32      |
| State, for State Paupers, 1877,                        | - | - | 90 66      |
| “ “ 1878,  | - | - | 62 46      |
| “ State aid to March 1, 1880,                          | - | - | 375 00     |
| “ Military aid, to March 1, 1880,                      |   |   | 52 00      |
| “ Aid rendered Joseph Freezier,                        |   |   | 26 00      |
| “ “ “ Alfred Bruno,                                    | - | - | 7 50       |
| Morris O’Brine, aid rendered at Hospital, etc.,        |   |   | 130 80     |
| Town of Milford, “ Keziah Wilcox,                      | - | - | 4 85       |
| “ Newburyport or Holland for aid rendered              |   |   |            |
| J. W. C. Pike, to March 1, 1880,                       |   |   | 63 85      |
| John Hilton, use of ledge for year ending Apr. 1, ’80, |   |   | 28 00      |
| Town Farm,   | - | - | 3,000 00   |
| Personal Property at Almshouse, March 1, 1880,         |   |   | 1,535 53   |
| Bills due from sundry persons,                         | - | - | 25 00      |
| Cash in hands of Superintendent at Almshouse,          |   |   | 23 15      |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer,                            | - | - | 2,055 54   |
|  |   |   | \$7,590 92 |

### LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

|                             |   |   |             |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Note to Salem Savings Bank, | - | - | \$12,000 00 |
| “ Retus Walling,            | - | - | 1,095 00    |
| “ Chloe Dudley,             | - | - | 330 00      |
| “ Lovina S. Jones,          | - | - | 3,000 00    |
| “ Clarissa Batcheller,      | - | - | 125 00      |
| “ Henry D. Wallis,          | - | - | 500 00      |
| “ Sarah Walker,             | - | - | 511 78      |

|                                    |   |   |             |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Note to Mary Walker,               | - | - | \$300 00    |
| " Lura A. Wallis,                  | - | - | 175 00      |
| " Walliam Chase,                   | - | - | 2,000 00    |
| " Henry D. Wallis,                 | - | - | 340 00      |
| " " " "                            | - | - | 465 00      |
| " Joseph T. Wallis, (Guardian),    | - | - | 400 00      |
| Interest on the above notes, about | - | - | 287 00      |
|                                    |   |   | <hr/>       |
|                                    |   |   | \$21,528 78 |
| Assets of the Town,                | - | - | 7,590 92    |
|                                    |   |   | <hr/>       |
| Present indebtedness of the Town,  | - | - | \$13,937 86 |

NOTE:—In examining the annual report of this year, it should be remembered, that, at our last March meeting, it was voted that future Annual Meetings be held on the *third* Monday in March, and that the Annual Report be made up to March 1., as many bills, especially School bills, cannot be reported in full until about that time. We would, therefore, call your attention to the fact that we have paid the expenses of *thirteen* months with an appropriation for only *twelve*. As the month of March occurs *twice*, it may not be out of place for us to state that we generally draw more orders in March than in any other month of the year.

Your attention is also called to the present Liabilities or Indebtedness of the Town, as this is, to many, the most interesting part of the report. It may, at first, be surprising to you that the indebtedness is not *less* than last year. We account for and explain this in this way: for Rail-Road Street we have paid five hundred and forty-one dollars and eighty-four cents, (\$541.84) and for out-standing bills of and previous to 1878,—as shown by Recapitulation, on pages ten and eleven, to which attention is called,—one thousand nine hundred and forty-five dollars and twenty-two cents, (\$1,945.22). These two items, in connection with the bills of the *thirteenth* month, amount to about three thousand eight hundred dollars, (\$3,800.00), for which there was no appropriation made.

Trusting that the above explanation will be sufficient, we respectfully submit our report.

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| A. F. JONES,   | } Selectmen |
| ALBERT BUTLER, |             |
| JESSE CHASE,   |             |

of  
Douglas.

C. A. HUNT, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR 13 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

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GEORGE D. ADAMS, Superintendent.

DR.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| To Personal Property at Almshouse, Jan. 31, 1879,  | \$2,000 50 |
| Cash in hands of Superintendent,   | 7 50       |
| Received for butter and eggs sold during the year,   | 97 66      |
| "    "    other merchandise sold, and for labor<br>of Supt., poor, and team during the year, | 574 08     |
| Received orders on Treasurer, for payment of bills,  | 232 50     |
| "    "    "    "    "    salary,   | 300 00     |
|  | \$3,212 24 |

CR.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| By Personal Property at Almshouse, March 1, '80, | \$1,535 53 |
| Paid for Almshouse supplies,                     | 641 07     |
| orders on Treasurer, for Almshouse supplies,     | 232 50     |
| "    "    "    salary of Supt.,                  | 300 00     |
| sundry bills due the Almshouse,                  | 25 00      |
| Cash in hands of Superintendent, March 1, '80,   | 23 15      |
|  | \$2,757 25 |

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|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Cost of supporting paupers at Almshouse for the<br>year ending March 1, 1880, - - | \$454 99 |
| Interest on Almshouse real estate, -  | 180 00   |
|   | <hr/>    |
|   | \$634 99 |

Whole number of weeks board of poor at almshouse,  
for the year,  $395\frac{4}{7}$ , at an average cost per week of \$1 60 $\frac{1}{2}$

## LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Paid for wood for Lock-up, - - | \$4 75  |
| “ crackers for Lock-up, - -    | 6 23    |
| “ keeper of “ - -              | 45 45   |
|                                | <hr/>   |
|                                | \$56 43 |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Tramps lodged and fed at Lock-up during the year, | 359 |
| Average cost each, about, -                       | .16 |
| Criminals committed during the year. -            | 7   |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| A. F. JONES,   | } Overseers |
| ALBERT BUTLER, |             |
| JESSE CHASE,   |             |
|                | of          |
|                | the Poor.   |

REPORT  
OF  
A. F. JONES, AGENT  
ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS,  
TO THE  
INHABITANTS OF DOUGLAS,  
FOR THE  
Year ending March 1, 1880.

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The Agent charges himself with notes and cash on hand Feb'y 1, 1879, as follows:—

|       |     |                                     |   | DR.         |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 1879. |     |                                     |   |             |
| Feb.  | 1.  | Notes bearing interest,             | - | \$11,376 66 |
|       |     | Accrued interest on said notes,     |   | 460 27      |
|       |     | Cash in hands of Agent,             | - | 282 03      |
|       |     |                                     |   | \$12,118 96 |
| Feb.  | 2.  | Received principal of Phebe Young's |   |             |
|       |     | note, -                             | - | \$100 00    |
| "     | 2.  | " interest on Phebe Young's         |   |             |
|       |     | note, -                             | - | 1 40        |
| "     | 3.  | " interest on James Wixted's        |   |             |
|       |     | note, -                             | - | 12 00       |
| "     | 8.  | " interest on Harriet Paine's       |   |             |
|       |     | note, in part, -                    | - | 4 00        |
| "     | 15. | " interest on Patrick Darmedy's     |   |             |
|       |     | note, -                             | - | 18 50       |
| Mar.  | 2.  | " interest on David Wallis' note,   |   | 12 00       |
| "     | 7.  | " principal of J. E. Cummings'      |   |             |
|       |     | note, in part, -                    | - | 100 00      |
| "     | 22. | " interest on John G. Buffum's      |   |             |
|       |     | note, -                             | - | 22 50       |

|      |     |  |        |
|------|-----|--|--------|
| Mar. | 26. | Received interest on Phebe Keith's note,                     | \$6 00 |
| "    | 27. | " " on Rufus P. Johnson's<br>note, -                         | 24 00  |
| Apr. | 2.  | " interest on Orrin N. Thurber's<br>note, in part, -         | 8 00   |
| "    | 24. | " interest on J. M. Putnam's<br>note, -                      | 30 98  |
| "    | 24. | " principal of J. M. Putnam's<br>note, in part, -            | 91 66  |
| "    | 24. | " interest on Wm. M. Putnam's<br>note, -                     | 30 00  |
| May  | 3.  | " interest on Matilda Rivers'<br>note, -                     | 24 00  |
| "    | 5.  | " principal of Samuel Balcome's<br>note, in part, -          | 50 00  |
| "    | 9.  | " principal of J. E. Cummings'<br>note, in part, -           | 100 00 |
| "    | 15. | " principal of J. E. Cummings'<br>note, in part, -           | 150 00 |
| "    | 15. | " interest on Allen Buxton's<br>note, -                      | 12 00  |
| "    | 16. | " interest on Margaret Stearnes'<br>note, -                  | 18 00  |
| May  | 28. | " principal of Wm. M. Putnam's<br>note, in part, -           | 60 00  |
| June | 2.  | " interest on Isaac Desotel's note                           | 15 00  |
| "    | 21. | " " on Jos. A. Richardson's<br>note, -                       | 3 00   |
| "    | 21. | " interest on Philamen Mercier's<br>note, -                  | 30 00  |
| July | 12. | " interest on Amos A. Humes'<br>note, -                      | 21 00  |
| "    | 23. | " principal of J. E. Cummings'<br>note, in part, -           | 75 00  |
| Aug. | 1.  | " interest on Albert Whipple's<br>note, -                    | 18 60  |
| "    | 16. | " interest on Chandler Titus'<br>note, -                     | 8 10   |
| "    | 18. | " interest on Russell M. Peters'<br>note, -                  | 15 00  |
| Sep. | 25. | " interest on Joel Glover's note,                            | 12 00  |
| "    | 25. | " principal and interest in full on<br>J. E. Cummings' note, | 94 95  |
| Oct. | 3.  | " interest on Potter M. Bates'<br>note, -                    | 9 00   |
| Nov. | 1.  | " interest on Samuel Balcome's<br>note, -                    | 7 50   |



|       |     |   |                   |
|-------|-----|---|-------------------|
| Nov.  | 17. | Received interest on Orrin N. Thurber's<br>note, in part, - | \$9 00            |
| "     | 25. | " interest on Lovell Southwick's<br>note, -                 | 30 00             |
| "     | 29. | " interest on Harriet J. Paine's<br>note, in part, -        | 11 00             |
| "     | 29. | " interest on D. B. Young's note,                           | 15 00             |
| "     | 29. | " interest on S. P. Rawson's<br>note, -                     | 30 00             |
| Dec.  | 1.  | " interest on William Hunt's<br>note, -                     | 30 00             |
| "     | 1.  | " interest on Alvin H. Brown's<br>note, -                   | 30 00             |
| "     | 1.  | " interest Chas. F. Rawson's<br>note, -                     | 12 00             |
| "     | 1.  | " interest on Theron H. Barton's<br>note, -                 | 12 00             |
| 1880. |     |   |                   |
| Jan.  | 12. | " interest on Mary E. Arnold's<br>note, -                   | 12 00             |
| "     | 20. | " interest on D. B. Young's note,                           | 9 00              |
| Feb.  | 14. | " " on James Wixted's<br>note, -                            | 12 00             |
| "     | 14. | " interest on Patrick Darmedy's<br>note, -                  | 18 00             |
| "     | 16. | " interest on Chandler Titus'<br>note, -                    | 23 80             |
|       |     |   | <hr/> \$13,556 95 |

## A. F. JONES, AGENT MOSES WALLIS DEVISE.

|       |     |  |        |
|-------|-----|--|--------|
| 1879. |     |  | CR.    |
| Feb.  | 3.  | Paid for discharging Phebe Young's<br>mortgage, -  | 25     |
| May   | 27. | Loaned Mrs. Mary Briggs, -                         | 200 00 |
| "     | 27. | Paid for making and recording mortgage,            | 2 00   |
| June  | 25. | Loaned Amable Signett, -                           | 400 00 |
| "     | 25. | " Michael Roberts, -                               | 500 00 |
| "     | 25. | Paid for recording mortgage, -                     | 1 00   |
| Oct.  | 10. | Loaned Jonas Batcheller, -                         | 300 00 |
| "     | 10. | Paid for recording mortgage, -                     | 1 00   |
| Dec.  | 1.  | " tax on Devise, -                                 | 173 31 |
| 1880. |     |  |        |
| Feb.  | 14. | " A. J. Thayer, one of Apprais-<br>ers for 1879, - | 4 25   |



|          |  |   |            |
|----------|--|---|------------|
| Feb. 14. | Paid Alvin Hall, one of Appraisers<br>for 1879,  | - | \$3 00     |
| " 14.    | " John Robbins, one of Apprais-<br>ers for 1879, | - | 1 50       |
| " 14.    | " Agent of Devise, for services,                 |   | 60 00      |
|          |  |   | <hr/>      |
|          |  |   | \$1,646 31 |

MEMORANDUM OF NOTES DUE THE TOWN,  
MARCH 1, 1880.

| Date of Note.  | Name of Maker.        | Accrued Int. | Prin.    |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------|
| June 19, 1878. | Philiman Marcier,     | \$20 92      | \$500 00 |
| May 8, 1872.   | William M. Putnum,    | 21 61        | 440 00   |
| " 13, 1874.    | Theron H. Barton,     | 9 57         | 200 00   |
| Jan. 23, 1879. | Louisa Jarvis,        | 6 62         | 100 00   |
| July 7, 1875.  | James McCormick,      | 34 60        | 350 00   |
| May 18, 1857.  | Ira T. Robbins,       | 10 70        | 150 00   |
| July 1, 1876.  | Alvin H. Brown,       | 20 00        | 500 00   |
| Nov. 23, 1859. | A. F. Brown,          | 38 50        | 500 00   |
| Mar. 1. 1867.  | John M. Putnum,       | 6 37         | 125 00   |
| Apr 21, 1870.  | James Wixtead,        | 10 70        | 200 00   |
| Jan'y 8, 1879. | Mary E. Arnold,       | 1 73         | 200 00   |
| Apr. 12, 1877  | Amos A. Humes,        | 17 97        | 350 00   |
| Aug. 20, 1873. | Samuel Balcome,       | 1 65         | 100 00   |
| Oct. 16, 1867. | Potter M. Bates,      | 3 35         | 150 00   |
| " 19, 1874.    | Chandler Titus,       | 6 01         | 135 00   |
| June 17, 1869. | Chandler Titus,       | 8 79         | 340 00   |
| Mar. 22, 1877. | John G. Buffum,       | 21 13        | 375 00   |
| Oct. 7, 1865.  | William Hunt,         | 11 92        | 500 00   |
| May 21, 1868.  | Charles F. Rawson,    | 9 30         | 200 00   |
| " 1, 1878.     | Matilda Rivers,       | 20 00        | 400 00   |
| Jan'y 2, 1865. | Dorris B. Young,      | 6 22         | 150 00   |
| Mar. 26, 1870. | Rufus P. Johnson,     | 22 27        | 400 00   |
| " 2, 1861.     | David Wallis,         | 11 93        | 200 00   |
| Oct. 13, 1862. | Joseph A. Richardson, | 1 89         | 50 00    |
| Aug. 19, 1878. | Russell M. Peters,    | 7 93         | 250 00   |
| Mar. 2, 1870.  | Phebe Keith,          | 5 97         | 100 00   |
| Feb. 20, 1869. | Simon P. Rawson,      | 30 83        | 500 00   |
| June 14, 1876. | Isaac Desotell,       | 10 66        | 250 00   |
| Aug. 21, 1862. | Patrick Dermody,      | 9 45         | 300 00   |
| June 9, 1876.  | Harriet J. Paine,     | 22 55        | 300 00   |
| " 21, 1873.    | D. B. Young,          | 10 38        | 250 00   |
| May 1, 1867.   | Albert Whipple,       | 15 50        | 310 00   |

|                |                    |          |             |
|----------------|--------------------|----------|-------------|
| Apr. 20, 1878. | Allen Buxton,      | \$10 33  | \$200 00    |
| " 1, 1871.     | Margaret Stearnes, | 16 50    | 300 00      |
| Oct. 24, 1874. | Lovel Southwick,   | 10 50    | 500 00      |
| Dec. 2, 1854.  | Joel Glover,       | 2 93     | 200 00      |
| " 4, 1866.     | James Wixtead,     | 23 00    | 200 00      |
| Apr. 24, 1869. | Orrin N. Thurber,  | 24 30    | 300 00      |
| May 27, 1879.  | Mrs. Mary Briggs,  | 9 10     | 200 00      |
| June 25, 1879. | Amable Signett,    | 16 33    | 400 00      |
| July 7, 1879.  | Michael Roberts,   | 19 42    | 500 00      |
| Oct. 10, 1879. | Jonas Batcheller,  | 7 00     | 300 00      |
|                |                    | <hr/>    | <hr/>       |
|                |                    | \$576 43 | \$11,975 00 |

|               |                           |             |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Mar. 1, 1880. | Accrued interest to date, | \$576 43    |
|               | Cash in hands of Agent,   | 73 71       |
|               |                           | <hr/>       |
|               | Present value of Devise,  | \$12,625 14 |

Showing a net gain for 13 months ending Mar. 1, \$506 18

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. F. JONES, Agent.

C. A. HUNT, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN  
OF THE  
DOUGLAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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CHARLES W. POTTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT  
WITH THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

|          |                                 |          |          |
|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1879.    |                                 |          | DR.      |
|          | To received Town appropriation, | \$100 00 |          |
| 1880.    |                                 |          |          |
| Feb. 28. | “ for fines,                    | 4 41—    | \$104 41 |

|          |  |         |                |
|----------|--|---------|----------------|
| 1879.    |  |         | CR.            |
| July 10. | Paid A. F. Brown, for books<br>and expenses, - | \$41 22 |                |
| Aug. 15. | “ C. J. Batcheller, for print-<br>ing, -       | 4 00    |                |
| Oct. 11. | “ W. A. Emerson, for books,                    | 7 65    |                |
| “ 22.    | “ W. A. Emerson, as Libra-<br>rian, -          | 15 00   |                |
| Feb. 28. | “ Wm. Abbott, int. on loan,                    | 2 05    |                |
| “ 28.    | “ Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as<br>Librarian, -    | 12 50—  | \$82 42        |
| Mar. 1.  | Cash on hand, -                                |         | <u>\$21 99</u> |

CHAS. W. POTTER, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Whole number of books in Douglas Town Library,    | 595     |
| “ “ “ issued from Oct. 29, 1879,                  |         |
| to March 1, 1880, - -                             | 1,764   |
| Whole number of persons taking out books,         | 288     |
| Largest “ issued, being in the month of Dec. '79, | 499     |
| Smallest “ “ “ “ “ Feb. '80,                      | 306     |
| Largest “ “ at any one time, -                    | 134     |
| Smallest “ “ “ “ “ -                              | 76      |
| Average “ “ per week, - -                         | 103     |
| Amount of fines due from Oct. 29, '79, to         |         |
| Mar. 1, '80, - -                                  | \$11 10 |
| Amount of fines collected, from Oct. 29,          |         |
| 1879, to March 1, 1880, - \$3 81                  |         |
| Amount of fines left by W. A. Emerson, for        |         |
| collection, - - 60—                               | \$4 41  |
| Amount of fines due, - -                          | \$6 69  |

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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The undersigned herewith submit, to the tax payers of Douglas, a brief synopsis of their findings and doings:—

### AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED.

|   |   |   |            |              |
|---|---|---|------------|--------------|
| State Tax,                                | - | - | -          | \$265 00     |
| County Tax,                               | - | - | -          | 864 37       |
| Town Grant :                              |   |   |            |              |
| For District Schools,                     | - |   | \$3,000 00 |              |
| Support of Poor,                          | - |   | 1,750 00   |              |
| Contingent Expenses,                      | - |   | 1,000 00   |              |
| High School,                              | - |   | 1,000 00   |              |
| Payment of Debts and Interest,            |   |   | 5,000 00   |              |
| Highways and Bridges,                     | - |   | 2,000 00   |              |
|   |   |   | 13,750 00  |              |
| Overlay,                                  | - | - | -          | 303 21       |
| Total,                                    | - | - |            | \$15,182 58  |
| Number of taxable Polls, May 1, 1879,     | - |   |            | 631          |
| Amount of Personal Property, May 1, 1879, |   |   |            | \$246,216 00 |
| Amount of Real Estate, May 1, 1879,       | - |   |            | 749,311 00   |
| Total,                                    | - |   | -          | \$995,527 00 |

Poll tax of one dollar and fifty cents, amounting to nine hundred and forty-six dollars and fifty cents, which deducted from the total, leaves fourteen thousand two hundred and thirty-six dollars and four cents, to be raised on property, equaling fourteen dollars and thirty cents on each one thousand dollars of the total valuation.

|                                      |   |   |   |              |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| Number of Horses,                    | - | - | - | 247          |
| “ Cows,                              | - | - | - | 314          |
| “ Sheep,                             | - | - | - | 9            |
| “ Dwelling Houses,                   | - | - | - | 400          |
| “ Acres of Land, taxable,            | - | - | - | 20,314       |
| “ of Females paying tax on Poll,     | - | - | - | 1            |
| “ “ “ “ Property.                    | - | - | - | 60           |
| Amount paid by females, -            | - | - | - | \$1.082 33   |
| School District tax, in Dist. No. 8, | - | - | - | \$21 56      |
| Valuation, -                         | - | - | - | 35,949 00    |
| Rate per hundred dollars, -          | - | - | - | 06           |
| East Douglas Fire Dist. tax,         | - | - | - | \$208 32     |
| Rate, -                              | - | - | - | 3½ per cent. |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. JONES, } Assessors  
 JAS. H. DUDLEY, } of  
 B. W. ALDRICH, } Douglas.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

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### BIRTHS :

|                                   |   |   |     |    |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Number recorded 1879,             | - | - | -   | 72 |
| “ males,                          | - | - | 27  |    |
| “ females,                        | - | - | 45— | 72 |
| “ children of native parentage    |   |   | 23  |    |
| “ “ foreign “                     |   |   | 42  |    |
| “ “ native and foreign parentage, |   |   | 7—  | 72 |

### MARRIAGES :

|                               |   |   |     |    |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Number “intentions” recorded, | - |   |     | 22 |
| “ marriages “                 | - | - |     | 23 |
| Parties resident in Douglas,  | - |   | 30  |    |
| “ “ elsewhere,                | - | - | 16— | 46 |
| First marriage,               | - | - | 34  |    |
| Second “                      | - | - | 9   |    |
| Third “                       | - | - | 3—  |    |
| Average age of grooms,        | - | - |     | 33 |
| “ “ brides,                   | - | - |     | 22 |
| Native born,                  | - | - | 36  |    |
| Foreign “                     | - | - | 10— | 46 |

### DEATHS :

|                        |   |   |     |    |
|------------------------|---|---|-----|----|
| Number recorded males, | - | - | 16  |    |
| “ “ “                  | - | - | 32— | 48 |
| Average age,           | - | - |     | 30 |

### DOGS LICENSED:

|          |                 |   |          |          |
|----------|-----------------|---|----------|----------|
| Males,   | 105, at \$2 00, | - | \$210 00 |          |
| Females, | 8, at 5 00,     | - | 40 00—   | \$250 00 |

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.





ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*School Committee*

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1880.



PRESS OF  
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,  
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.  
1880.



## SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| J. E. CUMMINGS,    | Term expires March, 1880. |
| EDWIN ESTEN,       | “ “ “ 1880.               |
| LEVI WHITE, M. D., | “ “ “ 1880.               |
| A. E. KEMP, M. D., | “ “ “ 1881.               |
| W. D. JONES,       | “ “ “ 1881.               |
| N. W. PRESTON,     | “ “ “ 1881.               |
| A. M. HILL,        | “ “ “ 1882.               |
| E. C. HADLEY,      | “ “ “ 1882.               |
| A. F. BROWN,       | “ “ “ 1882.               |

At the annual meeting of the Committee for the school year 1879-80, the Committee organized by choice of

A. F. BROWN, Chairman.                      W. D. JONES, Secretary.

A. F. BROWN, }  
A. M. HILL,    } Superintending Committee.



## STATISTICS.

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|  |   |
|--|---|
| The whole number of children in town May 1, 1879,<br>between the ages of 5 and 15 years,         | 416   |
| Whole number attending school during the year of<br>all ages,                                    | 425   |
| Average daily attendance in all the schools,   | 308 $\frac{1}{3}$   |
| Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,   | 14  |
| Whole number attending school over 15 yrs. of age,   | 40  |
| Whole number attending school between 8 and 14<br>years of age,                                  | 204   |
| Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept<br>during the year, (including High School,)  | 105   |
| Average number of months the schools have been<br>kept during the year, (including High School,) | 8 $\frac{1}{3}$   |
| Number of male teachers in district schools,   | 3   |
| Number of female " " "   | 15  |
| Average wages paid male teachers in district schools<br>per month,                               | \$33 33   |
| Average wages paid female teachers per month,  | 30 33   |
| Town appropriation for district schools, March,<br>1879,   | \$3,000 00  |
| Unexpended balance last year,  | 516 59  |
| Dog Fund, —\$100. appropriated for library,  | 101 48  |
| State School Fund,   | 242 49  |
| Town School Fund, interest,  | 56 48   |
| Total,   | <hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$3,917 04 |

### EXPENSE OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Paid teachers' wages,                    | \$2,918 00 |
| " fuel, care of rooms, crayon, etc.,     | 252 64     |
| " three sets of Monroe's reading charts, | 22 75      |
| " 12 sets Swinton's language lessons,    | 8 42       |

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|                                   |        |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| Paid black board slating,         | \$5 00 |                |
| “ books,                          | 9 07   |                |
| “ black board erasers,            | 5 00   |                |
| Total,                            | <hr/>  | \$3,220 88     |
| Balance unexpended March 1, 1880, |        | <hr/> \$696 16 |

## HIGH SCHOOL.

|                                     |            |               |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Appropriation for High School,      | \$1,000 00 |               |
| Unexpended balance last year,       | 165 70     |               |
| Total,                              | <hr/>      | \$1,165 70    |
| Paid teacher's salary for the year, | \$900 00   |               |
| “ rent of school-room for the year, | 100 00     |               |
| “ fuel and care of room,            | 75 49      |               |
| Total,                              | <hr/>      | \$1,075 49    |
| Unexpended balance March 1, 1880,   |            | <hr/> \$90 21 |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 42      | 34    | 32      |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 21      | 19    | 18      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 26      | 34    | 32      |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 12      | 12½   | 11½     |

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

### DISTRICT NO. 1.

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Teacher's wages,                    | \$288 00       |
| Wood and care of school-room, etc., | 26 25          |
| Total cost,                         | <hr/> \$314 25 |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 49      | 55    | 48      |
| Average attendance,                  | 34      | 40    | 37      |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 1       | 3     | 6       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 11      | 43    | 40      |

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Teachers, | { EDWARD F. SIBLEY, Spring Term. |
|           | { KATE R. SIBLEY, Fall Term.     |
|           | { " " Winter Term.               |

Prudential Committee : ELMER H. BALCOME, CHANDLER TITUS,  
GEO. M. WALLIS.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Teacher's Wages,             | \$224 00       |
| Wood and care of room, etc., | 20 25          |
| Total cost,                  | <hr/> \$244 25 |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 17      | 17    | 16      |
| Average attendance,                  | 15+     | 14+   | 13+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 6       | 11    | 7       |

Teacher,—MARY F. JONES.

Prudential Committee, JAMES PETERS.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Teacher's wages, Intermediate, | \$288 00       |
| " " Primary,                   | 224 00         |
| Wood, care of room, etc.,      | 49 33          |
| Total Cost,                    | <hr/> \$561 33 |

|                                   | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole no. scholars, Intermediate, | 32      | 29    | 28      |
| Average attendance,               | 28+     | 28+   | 25+     |
| No. under 5 years, " "            | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. over 15 years, " "            | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,        | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,        | 28      | 25    | 25      |

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|                                 |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Whole no. of scholars, primary, | 38 | 47 | 41 |
| No. under 5 years, “            | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| No. over 15 years, “            | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Length of school in weeks,      | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| No. of scholars not tardy,      | 33 | 44 | 34 |

Teachers, { EVVA F. JONES, Intermediate.  
              { NELLIE F. ABBOTT, Primary.

Prudential Committee, WM. A. EMERSON.

## DISTRICT NO. 4.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher's wages,          | \$244 00        |
| Wood, care of room, etc., | 16 69           |
| Total cost,               | <u>\$260 69</u> |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 14      | 14    | 15      |
| Average attendance,                  | 10+     | 9+    | 9+      |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 1       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 3       | 1     | 3       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 10      | 12    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 3       | 5     | ...     |

Teachers, { CORA SHERMAN, Spring Term.  
              { CARRIE SHERMAN, Fall Term.  
              { EMILY A. KING, Winter Term.

Prudential Committee, JESSE. B. SHERMAN.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher's wages,          | \$196 00        |
| Wood, care of room, etc., | 9 40            |
| Total cost,               | <u>\$205 40</u> |

|                           | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars, | 6       | 4     | 4       |
| Average attendance,       | 3½      | 3+    | 3+      |



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|                                      |   |    |    |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|----|
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 3 | 1  | 2  |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 8 | 12 | 12 |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 4 | 3  | 4  |

Teachers, { NELLIE E. LACOUNT, Spring and Fall Terms.  
HATTIE A. ROBBINS, Winter Term.

Prudential Committee, POTTER. M. BATES.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

No School.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher's wages,          | \$222 00        |
| Wood, care of room, etc., | 14 86           |
| Total,                    | <u>\$238 86</u> |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 18      | 20    | 16      |
| Average attendance,                  | 12      | 15+   | 11      |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No of scholars not tardy,            | 7       | 7     | 2       |

Teacher,—ABBIE E. POTTER.

Prudential Committee, C. W. POTTER.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Teacher's wages,          | \$202 00        |
| Wood, care of room, etc., | 14 29           |
| Total,                    | <u>\$216 29</u> |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole number of scholars,            | 20      | 20    | 20      |
| Average attendance,                  | 17+     | 16+   | 16+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 1       | 1     | 1       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 4       | 4     | 5       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 9       | 17    | 20      |

Teachers, { ALICE A. CHANDLER, Spring Term.  
G. B. SOUTHWICK, Fall and Winter Terms.

Prudential Committee, HARTFORD THOMPSON.

#### DISTRICT NO. 9.

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Teacher's wages, Intermediate, | \$288 00       |
| “ “ Primary,                   | 224 00         |
| Wood, care of room, etc.,      | 52 22          |
| Total cost,                    | <hr/> \$564 22 |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole no. scholars, Intermediate,    | 36      | 35    | 34      |
| Average attendance,                  | 30+     | 28+   | 29+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 1       | 1     | 2       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 18      | 25    | 25      |
| Whole no. scholars, Primary,         | 68      | 61    | 54      |
| Average attendance,                  | 45+     | 50+   | 47+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 2     | 1       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 39      | 32    | 26      |

Teachers, { ESTHER S. CHILDS, Intermediate, Spring and Fall.  
LOUISE D. HILLYER, “ Winter Term.  
LOREN L. HICKS, “ “

Primary,—M. JOSIE LORING.

Prudential Committee, HARLAN P. HUNT.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Teacher's wages, Intermediate, | \$288 00 |
| "        "        Primary,     | 224 00   |
| Wood, care of room, etc.,      | 43 35    |
|                                | <hr/>    |
| Total cost,                    | \$555 35 |

|                                      | SPRING. | FALL. | WINTER. |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Whole no. scholars, Intermediate,    | 28      | 27    | 22      |
| Average attendance, "        "       | 24+     | 23+   | 16+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 21      | 15    | 5       |
| Whole no. of scholars, Primary,      | 39      | 41    | 37      |
| Average attendance,                  | 31+     | 30+   | 24+     |
| No. of scholars under 5 yrs. of age, | 6       | 7     | 2       |
| No. of scholars over 15 yrs. of age, | 0       | 0     | 0       |
| Length of school in weeks,           | 11      | 11    | 10      |
| No. of scholars not tardy,           | 22      | 34    | 29      |

Teachers, { FLORENCE E. BROWN, Intermediate.  
          { HATTIE A. BROWN, Primary.

Prudential Committee, ALVIN H. BROWN.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

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### HIGH SCHOOL.

The success of the high school, for the past year, has proved the wisdom of the course pursued by the Committee in continuing the school under the same teacher, as for the two previous years. The popularity of Mr. Bowles among our townspeople, as a teacher, and his diligence and efficiency in the school room have not been in the least diminished by his continuing with us another year. The work done in the school room has been thorough and effective, and the results accomplished have been very satisfactory. The average percentage of attendance has been  $93\frac{1}{3}$  per cent., a little less than last year. The course of study, adopted last year, has been followed and has proved satisfactory. It may be found necessary hereafter to vary it, in some instances. We continue this year the Roll of Honor,—commenced last year,—embracing only the names of pupils in the High School who have been *neither absent nor tardy* for the term, and whose general deportment and scholarship have been commendable for the year.

### ROLL OF HONOR.

#### • SPRING TERM :

NO. REGISTERED 42. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE, 40.

|                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edwin S. Bowen.     | Hattie G. Abbott.  | Mabel F. Mowry.     |
| Arthur C. Hunt.     | Eunice B. Brown.   | Iona E. Morrill.    |
| Walter E. Heath.    | Nellie E. Hunt.    | Effie E. Morse.     |
| Willie M. Lee.      | Lizzie J. Johnson. | Estella H. Preston. |
| Chauncey C. Potter. | Ida M. Johnson.    | Delia M. Richardson |

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|                    |                   |                    |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Lincoln E. Taylor. | Carrie A. Kemp.   | Dora S. Russell.   |
| James R. Wilson.   | May F. Kimball.   | Kate L. Simmons.   |
| Charles E. Wallis. | E. Josie Manahan. | Mollie E. Simmons. |
| Annie J. Thayer.   | Inie E. Whipple.  | (26)               |

## FALL TERM:

NO. REGISTERED 34. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE 31.

|                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edwin S. Bowen.     | Nellie E. Hunt.    | Effie E. Morse.     |
| Walter E. Heath.    | Georgie E. Humes.  | Estella H. Preston. |
| Chauncey C. Potter. | Lizzie J. Johnson. | Delia M. Richardson |
| Frank Richardson.   | Ida M. Johnson.    | Dora S. Russell.    |
| Charles E. Wallis.  | Carrie A. Kemp.    | Mollie E. Simmons.  |
| Hattie G. Abbott.   | May F. Kimball.    | Annie J. Thayer.    |
| Eunice B. Brown.    | Mabel F. Mowry.    | Inie E. Whipple.    |
|                     | Emma J. Willis.    | (22)                |

## WINTER TERM:

NO. REGISTERED 30. AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE 29.

|                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edwin S. Bowen.     | Hattie G. Abbott.  | Mary A. Wixtead.    |
| Peter Flynn.        | Eunice B. Brown.   | Gertie A. Lamson.   |
| Walter E. Heath.    | Nellie E. Hunt.    | Mabel F. Mowry.     |
| Chauncey C. Potter. | Lizzie J. Johnson. | Iona E. Morrill.    |
| Frank Richardson.   | Ida M. Johnson.    | Effie E. Morse.     |
| James R. Wilson.    | Carrie A. Kemp.    | Estella H. Preston. |
| Charles E. Wallis.  | May F. Kimball.    | Mollie E. Simmons.  |
|                     | Inie E. Whipple.   | (22)                |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR.

|                     |                    |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Edwin S. Bowen.     | Eunice B. Brown.   | Mabel F. Mowry.     |
| Walter E. Heath.    | Nellie E. Hunt.    | Effie E. Morse.     |
| Chauncey C. Potter. | Lizzie J. Johnson. | Estella H. Preston. |
| Charles E. Wallis.  | Ida M. Johnson.    | Mollie E. Simmons.  |
| Hattie G. Abbott.   | Carrie A. Kemp.    | Inie E. Whipple.    |
|                     | May F. Kimball.    | (15)                |

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR TWO YEARS.

|                  |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Eunice B. Brown. | Carrie A. Kemp. | Mabel F. Mowry. |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|

## NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THREE YEARS.

Eunice B. Brown.

## TARDY MARKS.

## SPRING TERM:

25 girls had only 1 tardy mark. 17 boys had only 9 tardy marks.

## FALL TERM:

22 girls had no tardy marks. 12 boys had no tardy marks.

## WINTER TERM:

21 girls had no tardy marks. 11 boys had no tardy marks.

## GRADUATING CLASS. 1880.

MOTTO—"LIVE AND LEARN." COLOR—PINK.

## ENGLISH COURSE:

EUNICE BELLE BROWN.

EDITH EUDORA HALL.

MABEL FRANCES MOWRY.

IONA ELIZABETH MORRILL.

EDWIN SMITH BOWEN.

## GENERAL COURSE:

JAMES RIENZO WILSON.

LIZZIE JANE JOHNSON.

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Allowing the School Committee, who have made *one hundred and thirty one* visits to the schools of the town, during the year,—and who have visited the schools, more or less for more than thirty years,—to be as good judges of the progress and standing of our schools, as those who have not visited any of them during the year, we should say our schools never stood as well as they stand to-day. We have labored to attain a higher standard of scholarship, a more thorough drill on the fundamental



principles of the various branches taught, and more individuality on the part of the scholars, that they should learn to think and reason for themselves, instead of being simply *parrots*, to *repeat* words and phrases committed to memory. We have required more and better work on the part of teachers, and the results accomplished have, in the main, been satisfactory. Failures there have been, on the part of some of the teachers, but they have been the exception rather than the rule. No teachers should be employed in our schools who have not a natural tact for teaching, coupled with a thorough preparation for the work and a love for the employment. This class of teachers are the ones who have been successful during the past year, and the only ones who are ever successful as school teachers. We believe none others competent to instruct our schools. There always has been, and probably always will be, *croukers* and *sore-heads* crying out in newspaper articles and elsewhere that the former times were better than the present; and that everything *they* cannot control is continually going from bad to worse: that any and *every deviation* from the course pursued by their venerable grandfathers is *an innovation not to be tolerated*; and, because their narrow vision cannot see the light before them, they vainly argue themselves into the belief "No possible light *can* exist."

We have purchased, for the use of our Primary Schools, three sets of Munroe's Primary Reading Charts, which have been a great help to the teachers, and of much benefit to the schools. We also placed on the desk of every teacher copies of Swinton's Language Lessons and lessons in Grammar, which have already produced beneficial results. The Committee have also,—with the assistance of two of the teachers, but without expense to the town or scholars,—introduced into two of our schools, (No. 10), text books of different authors, but of the same series, from which the scholars have been required, a portion of the time, to read at sight; without having seen the lessons before they came out to read. This course was adopted as an experiment. The teachers, entering enthusiastically into the work and fully carrying out the wishes of the committee in regard to it, have made it a perfect success. We recommend that this course be adopted for the other schools, and that another class



of reading matter, outside of the old, stereotyped text-books, that have so long been in our schools, be introduced for our children to read occasionally—some juvenile books and papers full of the live issues and facts of the day.

### INDUSTRIAL DRAWING

has been successfully taught in some of our schools, where the teachers have been competent to give instruction therein, with the very best results.

Our School Houses and School Districts remain *in statu quo*. What we said in regard to them last year will apply equally well now. The school house in Dist. No. 3, very much needs to be altered or enlarged. All the school houses, out of the village, need more or less repair; a small outlay on some of them is all that is necessary. The schools have been *kept on equal length of time*, (32 weeks), in all the districts, at an expense *within* the appropriation; and about seventy-two dollars, (\$72.00) *less* than last year. The

### TRUANT LAWS,

adopted by the town, May 5, 1879, and approved by Hon. Adin Thayer, Judge of the Probate Court, and printed with this report, were made operative at the commencement of the Fall Term of our schools, by the appointment of C. Emmons and J. E. Cummings as Truant Officers. So far as the law has been in operation, it has been a decided success. There has been a less number of truants on the street, most of whom have been returned to the school, and, in several instances, their parents have been seen by the truant officers, with beneficial results.

There have been no complaints entered and no arrests made under our truant laws, and the duties performed by the officers, have been rendered free of charge. There is no suitable place provided within the County, where we can send our truant scholars if we should find it necessary to arrest them, and we recommend to the town to unite with other towns in the County in requesting the County Commissioners to provide a suitable place for the confinement and instruction of truant children.

A. F. BROWN, }  
A. M. HILL, } Superintending Committee.

# TRUANT LAWS.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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WORCESTER, ss. —

*Town of Douglas in the County of Worcester, A. D. 1879.*

### PROVISIONS AND BY-LAWS CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

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Be it enacted by the legal voters of the town of Douglas, in Town Meeting legally assembled, and by authority granted by the Statutes of this Commonwealth, in manner following: to wit:—

The town of Douglas hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this Commonwealth, now in force relating to habitual truants and absentees from school; and, in pursuance of authority conferred thereby, adopts the following By-Laws:—

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of Douglas, immediately after the adoption of these By-Laws by the town, and their approval by one of the Justices of the Superior Court, or the Judge of Probate for the County of Worcester, at a meeting held for that purpose, to appoint and fix the compensation of at least two, and not more than three, suitable persons who shall be designated Truant Officers; who shall hold their offices until the Annual Meeting of the School Committee in March, 1880. And at each and every Annual Meeting of the School Committee thereafter, they shall appoint and fix the compensation of at least two, and not to exceed three suitable persons who shall be designated Truant Officers.

SECT. 2. The Truant Officers appointed under these By-Laws, shall, before making any complaint, or proceeding to act under such appointment, be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties before some Justice of the Peace of this Commonwealth: and they shall then under the direction of the School Committee, enquire into all cases arising under these By-Laws, and shall alone be authorized, in case of a violation thereof to make complaint, and carry into execution the judgment thereon.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the Truant Officer, prior to making any complaint under these By-Laws, to notify the truant or absentee from school, and also his (or her) parents or guardian, of the offence committed, and of the penalty therefor; and, if the Truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of the Truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof, in writing, to the School Committee, on or before the twentieth day of February of each year, who shall publish the same with their report.

SECT. 5. The Truant School, established in the city of Worcester, is hereby assigned and provided as a suitable place for confinement, discipline and instruction for all cases arising under these By-laws, *provided* suitable accommodations may be obtained there for that purpose. And if said Institution cannot be obtained for that purpose, then, with the assent of the Board of State Charities, we assign the State\*Primary School at Monson, as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of the persons convicted under the provisions of this act. And it shall be the duty of the Truant officers to make all necessary arrangements in regard to a place of confinement and discipline for persons who may be convicted under these By laws.

SECT. 6. Any child, between the ages of seven (7) and fifteen (15) years, whose parents or guardians reside in the town of Douglas, convicted under these By-laws of being an habitual truant, or of wandering about the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school and growing up in ignorance, shall, on conviction thereof, be committed to the Institution of Instruction, mentioned and established in Section *five* of these By-laws, for such time, not exceeding *two* years, or *fine* not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.), as the Justice or Court having

jurisdiction, may determine. Any person so committed, may, upon proof of amendment, or for other sufficient cause shown, upon a hearing of the case, be discharged by such Justice or Court.

SECT. 7. All children confined in said Institution of Instruction, under the provisions of these By-laws, shall be, during such confinement, suitably instructed in morals, good behavior, arithmetic, reading, writing, and orthography of the English language, geography and the History of the United States, and the School Committee of said town, or said Truant officers, shall make all needful arrangements and provisions therefor.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the School Committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the Truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duty.

SECT. 9. Nothing in these By-Laws shall be so construed, as to alter or impair the obligation and duty of teachers, to enforce punctuality and regularity in attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

SECT. 10. All cases of truancy within the meaning of these By-laws, may be prosecuted before any Magistrate, or Court, of the County, having jurisdiction of criminal offences committed within said town, but all prosecutions shall be commenced within six months from the time of the violation of these By-laws and not afterwards.

SECT. 11. These By-laws shall go into effect immediately after the same shall have been approved by a Justice of the Superior Court, or Judge of Probate for said County.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, holden the fifth day of May, A. D. 1879, it was voted to accept and adopt the within mentioned provisions, arrangements and By-laws of the Town of Douglas concerning Truants and absentees from school.

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

WORCESTER, MAY 15, 1879.

I hereby approve of the above By-laws of the Town of Douglas.

ADIN THAYER, Judge of Probate Court.







